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THE TRAVANCORE SRIMULAM ASSEMBLY.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

SECOND ASSEMBLY.

ELEVENTH SESSION 1942/1117.

Friday, the 24th July 1942/8th Karkatakam 1117.

The Assembly met again at Eleven of the Clock, the President, presiding.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls.

1. Mr. K. Madhava Kurup.
2. Mr. E. G. Salter.
3. S. N. Ure.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The "Express" Service.

194 *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam cum Nilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the need for increasing the number of "Express" service buses plying between Trivandrum and Nagercoil?

MR. E. G. SALTER (*Director of Transport*): Yes.

The traffic carried between Trivandrum and Nagercoil does appear to justify an increase in the number of Express Services in the route. Although new vehicles are not available, arrangements are being made to operate one more journey per day in each direction with the existing vehicles.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know when the new arrangement will come into effect?

MR. E. G. SALTER: From the 1st Chingom.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): May I know whether there is any express service solely between Quilon and Trivandrum?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No, Sir.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether such a service is felt necessary?

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MR. E. G. SALTER: It is a case of "beggars cannot be choosers". We are operating the services to the utmost of our ability and whatever may be our desire we are powerless to do anything more, in the absence of more vehicles.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether there is heavier traffic between Quilon and Trivandrum than formerly?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether in view of that it is desirable to start an express service?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Am I to understand that the honourable member recommends that we should take away vehicles from another route and use them for the Quilon—Trivandrum route?

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): May I know whether it is not better to have two vehicles taken away from the Trivandrum-Nagercoil route so that they may run between Trivandrum and Quilon?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The idea underlying such a suggestion is that because there is apparent satisfaction in one route the number of services in that route may be reduced and utilised for the benefit of another route. The services which are being operated in the various routes are roughly in accordance with public demand. That is to say, if there are 1000 passengers per day in one route and 500 passengers in another route, we are providing twice the number of buses in the former route than in the latter route.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether it is not possible to run an express service between Quilon and Trivandrum?

MR. E. G. SALTER: I am afraid it is not possible.

PRESIDENT: What is the point in this "Express Service", Mr. Salter?

MR. E. G. SALTER: It is in the nature of a first class service. The buses do not stop except at certain defined places and reach their destination quicker than the ordinary buses.

PRESIDENT: Why should there be any Express Service at all in Travancore at present?

MR. E. G. SALTER: That is a matter of opinion. The service was introduced for the benefit of people who cannot use their own cars for want of petrol.

PRESIDENT: My own view is that the Express Services should be stopped forthwith. At this moment when there is difficulty in obtaining petrol and tyres I do not see any necessity for providing greater comforts to certain people. I hope the department will take steps to stop the Express Service forthwith.

Express Service of the State Transport.

195 *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicollam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the expenses incurred till 25-10-1117 for starting and running the Express Service of the State Transport; and